

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the subparagraph in lines 19-23 of the paragraph titled "Cross Reference to Related Application" on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

5 This application is related to our copending patent application entitled "METHOD
AND DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM PROVIDING BULK RECORD MEMORY
TRANSFERS ACROSS MULTIPLE HETEROGENEOUS COMPUTER SYSTEMS",
filed of on even date herewith and assigned to the assignee hereof, which issued as U.S.
Patent No. 6,615,217 on September 2, 2003.

10 Please replace the first paragraph in lines 2-7 of page 17 with the following
amended paragraph:

When records are being sent ~~for~~ from UNIX to GCOS, GFIP immediately flushes
the buffer containing the open request record (as is shown in the preceding paragraph).
However, when records are being sent ~~for~~ from GCOS to UNIX, GFIP does not
immediately flush the buffer containing the open request record. Instead, it waits until
15 the application performs a subsequent ETL call such as X_ETL_WRITEREC or
X_ETL_CLOSE.

Please replace the paragraph on lines 14-16 of page 79 with the following
amended paragraph:

20 This procedure ~~doesn't~~ does not communicate with the UNIX server, and so
always returns immediately. It causes subsequent procedures for the specified connection
to behave differently.

Please replace the paragraph on lines 18-22 of page 87 with the following
amended paragraph:

25 This function ~~doesn't~~ does not block. When an error occurs, a negative error code
is returned:

ETLTooMany	Too many connections are in use.
ETLNoPortsAvail	No ports available.
ETLSockErr	Error from socket routine.